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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

Don:

1. It has always struck me as somewhat incongruous that the responsibilities for the Agency History Program were assigned to the Directorate of Administration. I have dwelt on the matter on and off for the last eight months or so and always came out with the answer that the assignment was probably motivated by a lack of logic that would indicate another home for it.

2. A most distinctive rationale appears to me to have been building up in the last two or three months, however, that would justify a current reassessment of the proper organizational locus for this program. The Inspector General, since the post-Watergate days, has been slowly accumulating a mass of Agency documentation. Since the Hersh article of 22 December 1974, the past significance of the History Program has been taking on a different coloration which sees a situation today, wherein the holdings of that program are taking on a significant role vis-a-vis our relations with both the White House and the Senate Select Committee. It probably can be forecasted that a similar relation will come about with the House Committee. Looking to the future, i.e., the post-investigative days of the Agency, there is some reason to believe that the affinity between the History Program and the current, main focus of the Inspector General will continue.

3. For all these and other reasons, including the partial tasking being given to [REDACTED] by your Office, I suggest for your consideration a transfer of the responsibilities of the History Program from this Directorate to your Office. Such a transfer would also have the optical

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advantage of locating the program where I have always believed it belonged, in the Office of the Director. I would be prepared to transfer to you the personnel authorizations and budgetary provisions that are currently utilized for the program and, naturally, continue to render that support which is our basic responsibility for all Agency components.

4. I have taken the liberty of sending a copy of this memorandum to both the Director, whose approval would obviously be necessary, and to the Comptroller because I believe he should be kept aware of any proposed organizational changes.

5. I would be most pleased to receive your reaction or, alternatively, to discuss the matter in greater detail.

/s/ John F. Blake
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for
Administration

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